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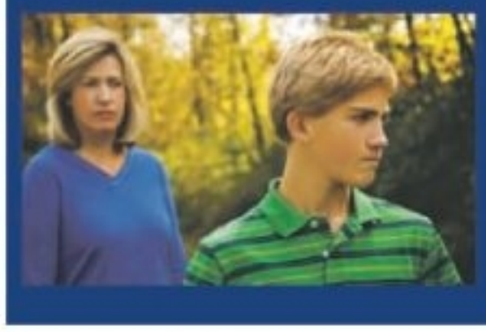

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In the news

Election Day query starts

Mayor Michael Nutter on Friday announced the assembly of a fact-finding team to investigate Election Day snags, including a rise in the number of provisional ballots cast, possible discrepancies between city and state voter databases and reports of poll workers who weren't educated about the latest voting regulations. The six-person team will be headed up by Managing Director Rich Negrin. METRO/AW

In the news

DA Ferman honored

Nearly 70,000 online voters chose Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman as this year's winner of the L'Oreal Paris Women of Worth competition. Ferman, who was given the award in New York City on Thursday, was one of 10 women nominated. She received recognition for her work with child abuse victims. METRO

In the news

'Congrats on your Bob Brady hero award, Bob Brady'

PHILADELPHIA. U.S. Rep. Bob Brady on Saturday received the inaugural "Bob Brady Working Class Hero Award" recognizing his brokerage of private-equity firm the Carlyle Group's purchase of Sunoco's ailing Philadelphia refinery.

"We named an award after Bob Brady and he will be the first to receive what will be an annual award," United Steelworkers Local 10-1 President Jim Savage said in a statement. "We wanted to show our appreciation to Congressman Brady for saving our jobs. Brady stepped up to the plate and fought for us and his fight resulted in a joint venture with the Carlyle Group and Sunoco, Inc. and the formation of a new company — Philadelphia Energy Solutions."

Brady said he's honored. "I was proud to stand in solidarity with the men and women of Local 10-1 who kept the pressure on to save their jobs," he said. "They inspired me." METRO/AW

Watch out for gift card fraud

NEW JERSEY. Vineland Police are telling residents to be cautious when it comes to giving out personal information after a local resident was scammed by a phony gift card contest.

Investigators said the victim received a post card in the mail on Friday claiming she was eligible for a $100 gift card. But when the woman called the 800 number listed, "a male subject with a Middle Eastern accent obtained her credit card information to cover mailing fees so they could then send her the $100 gift rebate which they alleged could be used at Wal-Mart, Target and other local stores," police said. METRO/AW

Lawmaker: Come west, young pot law, come west

Philly lawmaker plans to push once again his medical marijuana law in Harrisburg ◐ One of first 320 New Jersey residents talked about being on progressive edge of law ◐ Said NJ law 'felt like Christmas came early'

With growing support nationally for medical marijuana, advocates in Pennsylvania say now could be the time for Pennsylvania to get on board.

State Rep. Mark Cohen, of Philadelphia, said he plans to reintroduce legislation in the House that would provide for medical use. Cohen's proposal and one in the Senate have been stuck in committee due to the lack of Republican support, but Cohen said the increasing popularity in the public could force the issue.

"I would hope that the Corbett administration would recognize that it's only being responsive so far to a fraction of the population as a whole," Cohen said. A May 2010 Franklin and Marshall College poll showed that 80 percent of Pennsylvanians support medical marijuana. Medical marijuana expert Dr. David Bearman said there are several reasons more Americans support the use of marijuana for the treatment of conditions such as cancer, HIV and glaucoma.

"I think that people are moving past the big lie, and I think this has been one of the most effective big lies in world history," he said. "One of the reasons we're moving past the big lie is that they're seeing that people who they know, who they care about, using it and not only are they not going mad or growing horns, but they're actually getting some benefit out of it."

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Lassiter, of Cherry Hill, showed off his smoking license this weekend.

Hey Pa.: 'Get your heads out of your asses'

Jay Lassiter, a Cherry Hill political consultant who is HIV positive, said he hopes Pennsylvania will heed what is going on across the border in New Jersey.

"I hope they realize that this issue is very much in context with public opinion," said the 40-year-old. "Basically, I hope the Legislature in Harrisburg get their heads out of their asses." New Jersey's first Alternative Treatment Center opened last week in Montclair, N.J. Lassiter, who is registered for the program and already smokes, said it has been a long fight for those who need it.

"When I got the word that the doors opened in Montclair my response was emotional, it was happy and it felt like Christmas came early."
LASSITER

"When I got the word that the doors opened in Montclair, my response was emotional, it was happy and it felt like Christmas came early," he said.

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59
Percent of Americans who think states, not the federal government, should decide pot policy

18
States and the District of Columbia that have adopted laws legalizing medical marijuana

80
Percent of people in Pennsylvania who support medical marijuana

Obstacles to passage

Gov. Corbett has said he would veto any bill legalizing medical marijuana, and Republican leaders have voiced various concerns — including the potential for abuse, despite research showing that marijuana use does not lead to more harmful drugs. Cohen said the problem is the lack of pressure on state lawmakers to address the issue, even as neighboring states like New Jersey and Delaware have embraced it. "There's no professional association, doctors or nurses or hospital administrators [pushing for it]," Cohen said. "There is some momentum, which should make it easier, but ultimately we're going to have to get Republican support in order for this to become law."

Quoted: Rep. Cohen

"I would [hope] they would focus on the needs of the ill and the needs of people all over Pennsylvania."

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In the news

Boy accidentally killed by father

PENNSYLVANIA. A child was shot and killed by his father in a gun store parking lot Saturday afternoon in what is being investigated as a tragic accident, according to a Pittsburgh Tribune-Review report.

▶ Craig Allen Loughrey

Police said 44-year-old Joseph Loughrey was placing a 9mm handgun in the center console of his truck shortly before 11 a.m. when the firearm went off, fatally striking in the chest his 7-year-old son, Craig Allen Loughrey, who was in the backseat. Loughrey was outside Twigs Reloading Den in East Lackawannock Township, 60 miles north of Pittsburgh, after unsuccessfully trying to sell the handgun and a scope rifle to the store, according to investigators.

Loughrey was questioned by state police at the Mercer barracks, where he reportedly told them he had emptied the gun's magazine and did not realize there was still a bullet in its chamber. Authorities are now reviewing surveillance video and deciding whether to file manslaughter and negligence charges. METRO/AW

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Opinion

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GIVE YOURSELF A SELFISH CHECK

Most of you reading this column whether on PATCO, SEPTA or your local coffee spot — hopefully — have read the story about New York City police officer Lawrence Deprimo buying a homeless man a pair of shoes.

Officer Deprimo walks the beat in New York's Times Square, and it was a cold November evening when he came across a shoeless, homeless man sitting on the cold dirty pavement, feet exposed and blisters pronounced. Deprimo went into a nearby shoe store and purchased him a pair of boots. This was captured by someone's camera: Deprimo coming to the rescue of a man who has absolutely nothing — no home, no family to come home to, no money, no job, no health insurance, no warmth, no love, no shoes.

Across the country, there are thousands upon thousands of destitute men, women and children who aimlessly wander our streets, shivering (or sweating), starving, avoided by the rest of us and, in many cases, left to die in the streets. This is America, right? The land of opportunity, where everyone is equal and we take care of our fellow man? "United We Stand, Divided We Fall." It's basically a lot of bull. We are basically selfish, caring about our own needs, our own world and our own comforts. It's OK to do that, if you still reach out to your fellow man.

Quoted

Go on your computer and take a look at the picture of Deprimo bending down to help the homeless, shoeless man, and ask yourself, 'Am I selfish?' You might not like the answer.

Sometimes I think about that Norman Rockwell print "Freedom from Want," with mom and dad serving dinner to all their happy children. Combine it with what Deprimo did. How about next time you see that homeless person on the street, instead of avoiding eye contact, why don't you stop ask if they need a cup of coffee, maybe a snack or a pair of socks or gloves? Strike up a conversation and simply ask what happened. I know we all have it tough and are consumed with our own problems, but when you take a step back to take a look from the outside, it could be a hell of a lot worse. I call it the selfish check. Pay a visit to Children's Hospital and see how these children have been dealt the blow of a devastating disease and go home and hug your children. Look at the homeless person in the street and simply just imagine sleeping out on the streets with no food or warmth on a wickedly cold January night.

Go on your computer and take a look at the picture of Deprimo bending down to help the homeless, shoeless man and ask yourself, "Am I selfish?" You might not like the answer.

*— **John Bolaris**, one of Philly's best-known news personalities, will appear every Monday. He'll give advice on life, weather and any topic in between. So let's start the dialogue. E-mail John at letters@metro.us.*

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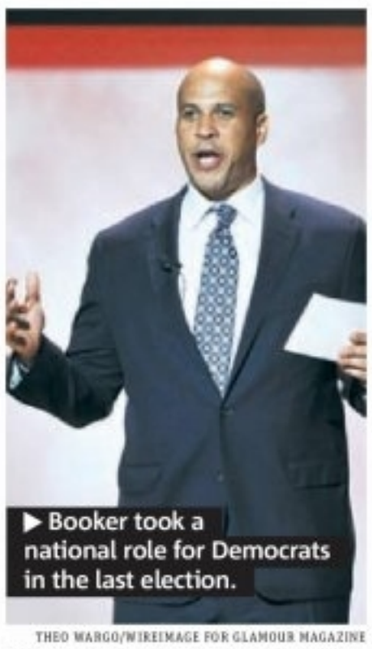
NJ's Booker to decide future of political career by year's end

Newark, N.J., Mayor Cory Booker, who said he's considering a challenge to New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie next year or a possible run for U.S. Senate in 2014, plans to decide on his future in the next two weeks.

A decision "has got to be within the next two weeks or so because, especially in New Jersey, there's a lot of good candidates for governor on the Democratic side," said Booker, 43, a rising Democratic star with a national following. He made the comments yesterday on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Booker, who since 2006 has been mayor of New Jersey's largest city, trailed Christie by 18 percentage points in a potential matchup, according to a Quinnipiac University poll last month that showed the mayor was the strongest Democratic challenger. Before a gain in Christie's popularity following Hurricane Sandy, a similar survey had the Republican with a four-point lead. Booker said he's weighing a run against Christie or a potential Senate run for the seat now held by Democrat Frank Lautenberg, 88. He said he wants to remain part of the Democrats' "push forward."

"I'm really thinking about both offices right now and which one can I better serve on the issues I'm passionate about," Booker said. Christie climbed to a record approval rating of 77 percent as Democrats and independents gave him high marks for his storm response, a PublicMind poll found. BLOOMBERG



▶ Booker took a national role for Democrats in the last election.

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"I'm really thinking about both offices right now and which one can I better serve on the issues I'm passionate about."

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Percentage points separating Booker from Republican incumbent Chris Christie during a recent Quinnipiac University poll matchup

Infrastructure. Main Break

▶ Water began to rush from fissures on the 1600 block of Walnut Street around 4:30 p.m. Saturday after a 12-inch main ruptured, according to Philadelphia Water Department spokesman John Digiulio. Water was shut off around 6 p.m.

RUKARD LARMA/METRO

Another week, another pipe bursts downtown

Yet another water main break is snarling traffic, this time in the Rittenhouse Square area. Several customers were initially left without water, but service was restored by 9:30 a.m. yesterday. Walnut Street is still closed between 16th and 17th streets, and will remain so until all utility companies have a chance to assess the situation and determine what else needs to be repaired, according to Digiulio. "We'll have a better idea tomorrow how long the street will be closed for," he said. METRO/AW

In the news

Four shootings leave two dead, three injured

PHILADELPHIA. Two people were killed and three were injured – including a 14-year-old girl – in four separate shootings this weekend.

A 14-year-old girl was among those shot, suffering wounds to the leg and chest in Crescentville on Saturday night. Officers found the girl around 9:40 p.m. behind the 500 block of Rosalie Street and took her to Albert Einstein Medical Center, where she is in stable condition. METRO/AW

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In the news

Resident suing for Paulsboro disaster

PAULSBORO. A mother of three is suing Conrail and parent companies Norfolk Southern Railway and CSX Transportation over the Paulsboro bridge collapse and freight train derailment that caused 23,000 gallons of vinyl chloride to leak into the surrounding air and water.

Alice Breeman, 32, who filed the suit Thursday in New Jersey federal court, alleges that the collapse, derailment and subsequent rupture of a tanker containing the hazardous chemical was due to the companies' negligence. METRO/AW

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GOP: We have no choice but to give in on tax rates for wealthy

Conservatives have no choice but to give into White House demands on higher tax rates for the wealthy, if the fiscal debate is to move to their main goal, overhauling big government benefits programs, several Republicans said yesterday.

"There is a growing group of folks who are ... realizing that we don't have a lot of cards as it relates to the tax issue before year-end," Republican Senator Bob Corker of Tennessee said on the "Fox News Sunday" program.

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Protestors opposing cuts

The Bush-era tax cuts for all Americans are set to expire at the end of the year if Congress and the Obama administration fail to pass legislation to extend the tax breaks.

The White House and Republican congressional leaders are deadlocked over the tax rate on upper income earners, and without resolution massive tax rates are to kick in shortly.

"Some of our people think if we just dig in and hold strong we can stop it. That's just not the case. It happens automatically. You have to do something," said Republican Representative Tom Cole on CNN's "State of the Union."

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Dems insist

President Barack Obama and fellow Democrats are insisting that the tax break expire for families with incomes above $250,000 and remain in place for other taxpayers. They are wagering that if all the tax cuts expire, the public will blame Republicans for raising taxes on the middle class.

IMF chief calls for balanced approach to US fiscal woes

The United States needs a balanced, comprehensive approach to tackle its fiscal woes that should include a mix of spending cuts and revenue increases, the head of the International Monetary Fund said yesterday.

"My view, personally, is that the best way to go forward is to have a balanced approach that takes into account both increasing the revenue, which means, you know, either raising taxes or creating new sources of revenue, and cutting spending," IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde said in an interview on CNN.

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In tax increases along with $100 billion in automatic spending cuts that comprise the year-end "fiscal cliff." Economists and policymakers warn it could drive the U.S. economy into recession.

In the news

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▶ Anti-Mursi banner

Mursi's concession fails to placate opposition

CAIRO. Egypt's main opposition coalition rejected yesterday Islamist President Mohamed Mursi's plan for a constitutional referendum this week, saying it risked dragging the country into "violent confrontation."

Mursi's decision on Saturday to retract a decree awarding himself wide powers failed to placate opponents who accused him of plunging Egypt deeper into crisis by refusing to postpone the vote on a constitution shaped by Islamists. REUTERS

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EU's prize protested; Sandusky doesn't like jail

EU not noble enough for Nobel?

▶ A protester carrying a lit torch raises his arms.

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Protesters: EU doesn't deserve Nobel Prize

Around 1,000 members of left-wing and human-rights groups marched in Oslo yesterday to protest the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to the European Union.

About 50 organizations held the torch-lit march on the eve of the award, arguing that the EU is undemocratic and maintains a large military even as its people suffer an economic downturn.

"Alfred Nobel said that the prize should be given to those who worked for disarmament," Elsa-Britt Enger, 70, a representative of Grandmothers for Peace, said. "The EU doesn't do that. It is one of the biggest weapons producers in the world."

Past prize winners Desmond Tutu, Adolfo Perez Esquivel and Mairead Maguire have also said the EU does not deserve the award. Norway's Socialist Left party, part of Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg's government, joined the march. **REUTERS**

Marriage bells in West

Same-sex couples wed in Washington

Hundreds of well-wishers braved a damp and chilly Seattle morning to celebrate the first of 140 weddings at City Hall yesterday, marking the first day that same-sex couples can marry in Washington state.

Washington, Maine and Maryland last month became the first U.S. states to extend marriage rights to same-sex couples by a popular vote. "It means that I can use the word 'husband' without question or explaining," said Corianton Hale, a 34-year-old graphic designer, who was one of the first to tie the knot at City Hall. He married freelance copywriter Keith Bacon, 44. **REUTERS**

Safe and secure

Sandusky under tight jail conditions

Imprisoned serial child sex offender Jerry Sandusky lives under tight restrictions for his own safety, a corrections official said, after the former coach asked for more prison privileges. "He is being housed in the appropriate facility in order to assure his safety," said Susan McNaughton, press secretary for the Pennsylvania state Department of Corrections.

Sandusky's attorney said he is treated like extremely violent offenders. **REUTERS**

Taliban thwarted

Raid rescues US citizen kidnapped by Taliban

A U.S. citizen who was abducted by Taliban insurgents was rescued by U.S. forces in an operation in eastern Afghanistan early yesterday, NATO-led forces said in a statement. The statement said the American, identified as Dr. Dilip Joseph, had been abducted on Wednesday in the Sarobi district of Kabul province. It gave few other details. U.S. Gen. John Allen said he ordered the mission when intelligence showed that Joseph was "in imminent danger of injury or death." **REUTERS**

Chavez II

Ailing Chavez names successor

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, preparing to travel to Cuba for further cancer surgery, yesterday named Vice President Nicolas Maduro to carry out his legacy if he is unable to remain in office. Chavez, who spoke in a national television and radio address, said he requires more surgery after malignant cells were detected in the same area as his previous cancer during health exams held over the past month in Cuba. The National Assembly yesterday approved his request to be absent from the country for more than five days as he travels to the Caribbean island. **BLOOMBERG**

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Take a walk with us, Ms. Cyrus

When you're as rich, famous and pretty as Miley Cyrus, sometimes people are afraid to call you out. So Miley, take it from us: You looked like a mosaic of illegal nightmares on Saturday night.

Lohan gets into the holiday spirit

Lindsay Lohan, bless her crazy little heart, is getting into the holiday spirit and playing Gossip Santa. Let's review her weekend, shall we?

On Friday, Linds was all smiles in the front row at New York City's Jingle Ball concert during The Wanted's performance. She's rumored to be dating a member of the boy band, **Max George**, who more or less confirmed some aspect of some relationship: "We can stay out of trouble and keep her out of trouble," he tells PerezHilton.com. "She can party just as hard as us. She's a great girl."

All "great girl" comments aside, we've endorsed fiber breakfast bars more enthusiastically than that. And it seems like Lohan might be less happy than she's letting on for the cameras — from what Metro heard at the Jingle Ball, she was allegedly seen crying in a bathroom backstage. (Then again, who doesn't have a good bathroom cry at holiday parties?)

Not to pile it on, but yesterday TMZ reported that Lohan's finances are in such bad shape that she's struggling to pay the rent on her $8,000-per-month Beverly Hills mansion. Ever since the IRS seized her bank accounts, she's reportedly been hitting up friends for money.

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▶ The power of Christmas compels her.

Santa Lohan, at the risk of being greedy, we'd like to submit our Christmas list: One **Aniston** pregnancy announcement, one **Jolie** spite pregnancy announcement, two **John Stamos** rom-coms and the Easy-Bake Ultimate Oven. Thanks, girl!

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Stars shine at Jingle Ball

Metro caught up with celebs backstage at Z100's Jingle Ball Friday night at Madison Square Garden:

1: We always see **Jason Mraz** in a hat, so we had to ask — how many does he own? "I think in my lifetime I've had several hundred, but I tend to pass them on," he told us. "I usually wear them [until they're] a little frayed, a little sweaty, a little smelly."

2: Olympic gold medal gymnast **Jordyn Wieber** told us her new Olympic rings wrist tattoo "hurt really bad but was so worth it."

3: The boys from **One Direction** said they haven't been to the city's new One Direction fan store just yet.

4: Ne-Yo said he wants to plant a kiss on **Nicki Minaj** this New Year's Eve.

5: Cher Lloyd's strangest gift? "I used to get a lot of socks," the singer said.

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'Michael Buble: Home for the Holidays'

SPECIAL. What are the holidays without the Buble? Canadian crooner Michael Buble invites some of his famous friends to help celebrate the holiday season. Included on the Christmas guest list: Rod Stewart, Blake Shelton and Carly Rae Jepsen. **10 p.m., NBC**

'Syfy's 20th Anniversary Special'

SPECIAL. The network celebrates the science fiction/fantasy programming — not to mention those cheesy Saturday-night movies — it has aired over the last two decades. **9 p.m., Syfy**

AMBER RAY

Box office

Bond movie 'Skyfall' beats 'Lincoln' at box office

James Bond showed remarkable staying power at the box office as the latest installment of the spy series, "Skyfall," collected $11 million in its fifth week in U.S. and Canadian movie theaters to top Steven Spielberg's "Lincoln" and "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2," the final installment of the blockbuster vampire series.

"Skyfall," the 23rd film in the series featuring Agent 007, also captured the box office when it first opened on Nov. 2. Distributed by Sony's Hollywood studio, it is already the best-selling movie in the 49-year-old series, and this weekend became the highest-grossing movie in Sony Pictures' history with $918 million in ticket sales worldwide. "Skyfall" has brought in nearly $262 million from the United States and Canada, according to the movie tracking site Hollywood.com.

Family flick "Rise of the Guardians" finished second with $10.5 million, working its way toward becoming the season's primary family hit in its third week.

Daniel Craig is 007.

"Breaking Dawn - Part 2," which led the box office for the past three weekends, tallied $9.2 million. The five-movie series, released by Lions Gate Entertainment, is based on Stephenie Meyer's best-selling book about young vampire love and has collected more than $1.3 billion in overall domestic ticket sales.

"Lincoln," produced by Dreamworks and released by Walt Disney, chronicles the 16th president's successful fight to pass a constitutional amendment outlawing slavery. It had ticket sales of $9.1 million, according to studio estimates provided by the box office division of Hollywood.com.

Fox's "Life of Pi" rounded out the top five with $8.3 million.

Hollywood studios shied away from scheduling major movies this weekend, steering clear of the expected blockbuster "The Hobbit," which Warner Brothers will release on Dec. 14.

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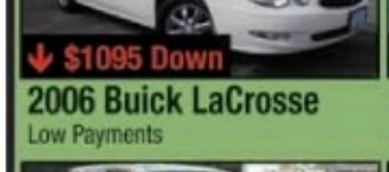
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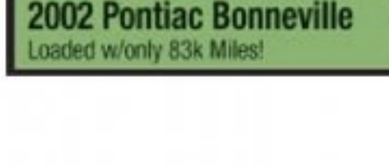
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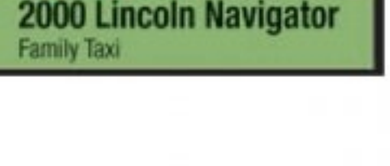
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Rapper talks 'Vicious Lies and Dangerous Rumors' and the lies and rumors about Outkast 'There's never been a problem with me and my partner,' he says

ANDREW ZAEH

▶ "Vicious Lies and Dangerous Rumors" is out on Tuesday.

"Vicious Lies and Dangerous Rumors," the second standalone solo album from Big Boi, may raise a few questions about a certain Southern musician. No, we're not talking about his erstwhile OutKast collaborator Andre 3000, but Tom Petty. The first lines of a track with the title spelled out "Thom Pettie" feature an impossibly deep voice chanting, "Thom Pettie that hoe/Free Falling, we out all night." We had to get to the bottom of the meaning before any real vicious lies or dangerous rumors spread.

What does it mean to Tom Petty?

If you're going out for the wild night and you never know where the night is going to take you, we call it free falling. That's called Tom Pettying! If you Tom Petty for the night, you don't know where you're going to end up at in the morning.

Is this maybe something you're doing to create a dialogue with him? Would you ever collaborate with him?

Hell yeah! If it was time to do it, then yeah. I'll work with anybody as long as it's fun.

How did the collaboration with the bands Phantogram and Little Dragon work? Did either of you come into the studio with ideas you wanted to use?

Not really. It really all starts with the music. We started recording and it was like an experimental process. We started with sound, from scratch, and let the song just build from there.

I was looking at the liner notes, and there is so much going on within these tracks. I was surprised to see that there's only one sample on the whole album.

Yeah, everything's all original. We don't really use samples like that, unless it's something that we blatantly use or it's something we really want to rhyme over. We keep it all original music, because those are the best, freshest grooves. You can't find a new groove using an old song.

This album is lyrically heavier than we're used to hearing from you. There's quite a bit of introspection in a song like "She Hates Me" — and then in the song "Tremendous Damage," you're dealing a lot with the loss of your dad.

I guess it just comes with age and maturity. You've just got to be honest in the music, so people can feel what you're coming through. As far as the songs about my dad, I'm still in a period of mourning and it's therapy for me to write songs like that. To give that type of insight and to really let the listener into your soul, and into your mind like that, you have to make yourself vulnerable. "Tremendous Damage" is [about] when you take a hit like that in life, whether it be in a relationship or losing a loved one, it's something that's so traumatic, people sometimes don't come back from it, from a point of mourning to come back to a regular sane mind and I've been battling through it, and through the man upstairs, I've made it through.

Q&A

What is the most vicious lie or dangerous rumor that you've heard about yourself?

I guess the main thing is the division of OutKast. It's a vicious lie and a dangerous rumor, and people have been saying it for years, and there's never been a problem with me and my partner.

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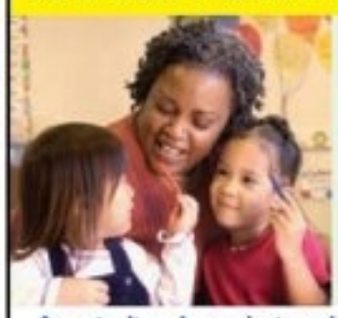
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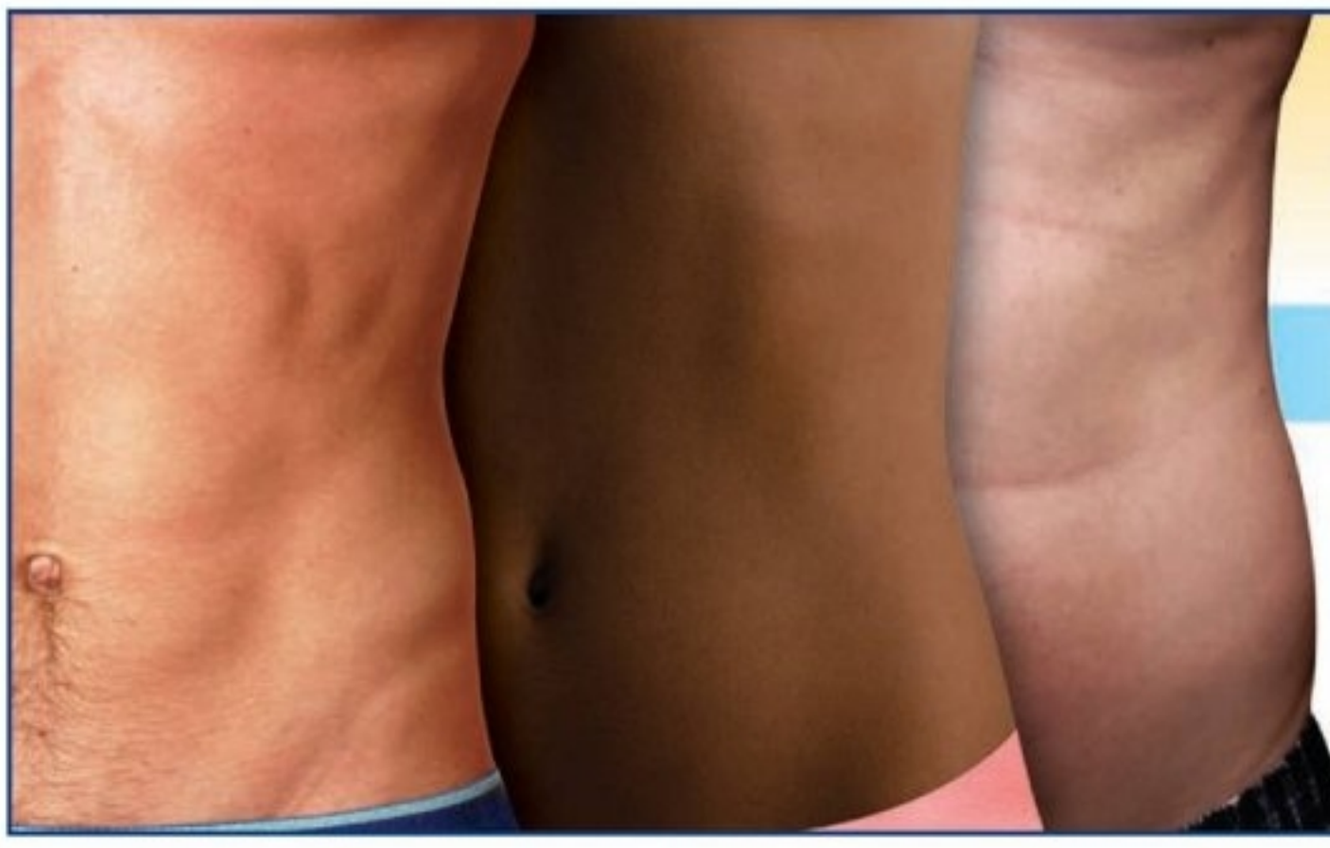
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The holidays are a busy time for therapists. People who are lonely, unemployed, divorcing, grieving and otherwise struggling often feel guilty that they can't take on a "'tis the season to be jolly" attitude.

Nobody puts pictures of frowning families on their Christmas cards. But it doesn't mean that people aren't struggling. Children of newly divorced families often feel the separation more profoundly as they are shuffled between parents, while the parents themselves may feel sad and lonely when their children are with the former spouse.

Similarly, the holidays can accentuate the grief of anyone who has recently lost a loved one with whom they have celebrated in the past. Some people would rather be alone or with friends than gather with difficult and/or abusive relatives. And of course, the unemployed and underemployed feel the strain in a whole different way.

For those who find these words ring truer than jingle bells, here are few things you can do to beat the holiday blues:

The question

For a number of personal reasons, I'm feeling like a total Grinch about the holidays. I feel bad because I know I'm supposed to feel happy. Any suggestions?

Quoted

"Remember that things can change. Just because the holidays are challenging this year doesn't mean they will always be this way."
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- **Know you're not alone.** Many people are in the same boat; they're just not posting it all over Facebook.
- **Refrain from judging your feelings.** Telling yourself that you "should" feel happy when you don't will only make you feel worse. Observe your feelings with equanimity and remember that feelings aren't facts and that they usually pass.
- **Volunteer.** Working in a soup kitchen, delivering meals to homebound elderly and engaging in other forms of service will probably make you feel good and put life in perspective.
- **Spend time** with caring friends who lift your spirits.
- **Count your blessings.** We all have something for which to be grateful — our health, a job, a friend, food in the fridge, a roof over our heads — if we look hard enough.
- **Embrace the spiritual and humanitarian** aspects of the holi-

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And for all those fortunate souls who can honestly sing, "It's the most wonderful time of the year," consider whether there is another spot at your table, gift under your tree or spare potato latke for someone you know who may need a little holiday cheer.

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Holiday gifts
for those on your work list

- As if you didn't have enough to do over the next couple of weeks, there's the tricky business of gift-giving among co-workers
- How to handle the holidays at work

Come holiday time, many people feel compelled to buy gifts for their bosses and each of their co-workers.

It can become overwhelming, but there are solutions out there for gift-givers on any budget.

Check it twice: Who should go on the office list?

If knowing what to buy isn't difficult enough, try figuring out who to buy for.

Most of the time, only your direct supervisor, boss (the head of the office) and closest colleagues should appear on your gift list, but it depends on the atmosphere.

If you work in a warehouse and only ever talk to your boss, supervisor and a few colleagues, it shouldn't be difficult to give each of these colleagues a small gift without slighting anyone else.

If you work in a small office, however, where everyone sees and hears all that goes on, it can become tricky. Try to find out what other colleagues are doing, or suggest organizing a "Secret Santa" exchange so that everyone in the office only has to buy one gift.

If you're responsible for working closely with clients, send them a holiday card with your signature and a few kind words.

Cure-all gifts

If you find yourself facing the conclusion that you simply must purchase gifts for everyone you work with, do not fret. There are a few cure-all gifts that cost very little, are easy to come by and are guaranteed to put a smile on your co-workers' faces.

One option is to write a personal note to everyone in your office and attach a festive treat or two to every card. Hand-written notes say, "I care and I spent time on you." This means even more than spending money on someone — we all recognize generic gifts from a mile away.

If the thought of writing dozens of hand-written notes frightens you, set aside some time one evening to bake some cupcakes, cookies or other homemade treats (don't forget to keep allergies in mind). Decorate each treat with festive icing or sprinkles and you can't go wrong.

Your co-workers will appreciate you even more as they crowd around the treats to laugh, lick icing off their fingers and bond over the holiday season — all thanks to you!

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▶ You don't have to stockpile gifts for everyone in the office.

What to give?

Stay away from risky gifts that rely on a particular sense of humor or make assumptions about someone's religious beliefs. Generic gifts, such as wine or chocolate, are a reliable standby, but this is a great time to stand out from the crowd and put more thought into it. Does she love to read and he love to cook? A new novel or cookbook can make a great gift. A donation to a charity in the person's name is also in tune with the values of the season.

If you don't know your boss's interests, you can also offer a gift certificate to his or her favorite coffee or lunch place.

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How to survive the office holiday party

The office party is a notorious minefield of drunk co-workers and gossipy conversations. Here's how to have fun and look good the next day.

Plan to participate: First off, unless you have a prior commitment, there's no reason not to attend. It's important to participate in these kinds of activities outside of work. If you haven't already been asked, talk to your manager or boss about volunteering to help organize the party. You'll work on a rare project that probably has nothing to do with your normal job and get the chance to show off skills that may normally be ignored, such as budgeting, organizing and being creative.

Don't vent: Talk about work if it comes up, but don't use the casual setting as an opportunity to chat about the raise you've been wanting or to take charge of a project that's up for grabs. Most people don't want to hold a business meeting during a party.

Listen for information you can use tomorrow: Your co-workers and managers are bound to be more relaxed at the party than they are on the job. Take the opportunity to learn a bit more about them, whether it's personal information such as the name of their dog, or more relevant career information. On the flip side, don't be afraid to disclose a bit about yourself. Once your co-workers and superiors know what you're interested in, they're likely to offer some tailored career advice and even keep you in mind for opportunities.

▶ Have fun at your company's holiday party — but not too much fun.

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Include everyone in the holidays

- **When it comes to religion,** it's probably best to avoid the topic altogether, but it's fine to share stories about your holiday traditions and learn about the traditions of others. As long as you're nonjudgmental, you can probably learn a lot about one another and become closer with people who have experiences different than your own.
- **Also, there are numerous culturally and religiously significant holidays throughout December,** and many non-Christians still celebrate some of the more secular aspects of the holiday season, such as giving gifts or cards, so don't exclude them just because you're not sure if or how they celebrate.

Feel free to drink — in moderation

See what everyone else is doing. If there are drinks available, drink! If you're worried about drinking too much too fast, make a point of eating before and during the party, and sip a glass of water between every alcoholic drink. And even if he or she offers, it's probably not a good idea to do keg stands with your boss.

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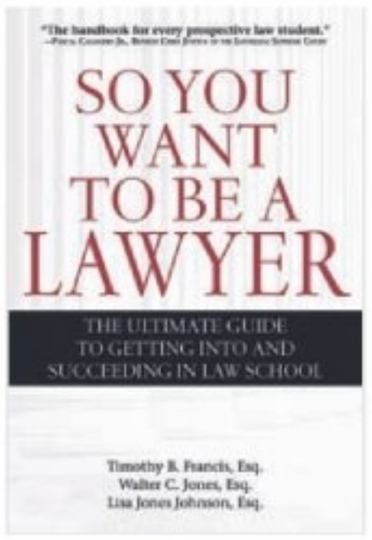
The lowdown on law school

New book preps potential students for the demands of law school and landing a job after graduation

In addition to graduating from Harvard Law and practicing in New York City, Lisa Jones Johnson has found time to become a published mystery novelist and screenwriter. She recently co-authored "So You Want to Be a Lawyer: The Ultimate Guide to Getting Into and Succeeding in Law School," and is hoping her narrative chops will set this how-to career book apart from the rest.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What surprised you about law school?

The level of reading and very specific analytic writing felt very daunting at first. We try to prepare people for that in the book. Everybody in college has written papers. This is a whole other level of analytical writing.

What's the most common misconception people have about law school?

That law school is like practicing law. Law school is very academic. You read and write a lot. You go back and forth with professors and colleagues about big concepts and ideas. Practicing law is very different. It's very detailed. Most junior lawyers are thrown right into drafting contracts. I think schools need to add some practical contract drafting courses. You need to know the theory behind it, but you need to know the building blocks of drafting as well.

How should you go about choosing a law school?

For me, No. 1 is the prestige factor — the alumni network. Your first jobs are likely going to come from those contacts. If you have the grades and if you're fortunate enough to get in, you want to go to a top-tier school. If you can't get into that kind of school, the question you need to ask becomes very simple: Can I actually get a job after I finish? There are a lot of accredited schools out there that don't really place their graduates. Do they have a placement office? Do they have relationships with law firms or government agencies? Will they actively make sure that I get a job?

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▶ Cincinnati is an unlikely hiring hot spot for Millennials.

Hiring lessons from the best cities for Millennials

The Millennial workforce is the future. Some of today's biggest companies were founded by Millennials looking to innovate. Just look at social media giant Facebook. Your company might not be located in a dorm room, but this doesn't mean a great Millennial candidate wouldn't be a welcome addition to your team. A recent survey by Best Colleges Online looked at cities clued in to the importance of young workers. There's plenty your company can learn from these cities to attract the best and brightest.

Offer great amenities: Most young workers still are paying off sizable student loans. Seeing this was a major issue, Niagara Falls is offering to pay off student-loan debt for graduates who will move to certain areas. The hope is that these Millennials will help revitalize these areas. Take a hint from the Falls and offer attractive benefits that Millennials won't be able to turn down.

Develop an exciting culture

Why is NYC a great place for Millennials? Because it's filled with excitement, culture and opportunities.

Develop a fun culture for your company and young workers will follow. Use social media channels, branded Web pages and recruitment materials to tell the narrative. Why is this a great place to work?

Reach out personally: Young workers like to know they're not just a cog in a machine. That's probably why Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl took a more personal approach to attracting Millennial candidates. The mayor sent emails out to college students, urging them to stay and work in the area. Sometimes the personal touch is all you need to attract great candidates and show them your company cares.

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Happy holidays! We're all insane

RE: "PAGING GLORIA STEINEM?" (METRO, DEC. 3) The millionaire matchmaker thinks men are getting weaker; is that in relation to the growing strength of women who are becoming more equal? If so, her idea implies men should keep getting stronger to make sure women are never equal — which is not rational. Why would anyone care what she thinks anyway? Her job is to match attractive women with rich guys; how many years does it take to get a doctorate in her field? The back-and-forth on this is silly because everyone is a person, and everyone is flipping crazy. Men want pure, caring, homemaking, dirty girls and women seem to want caring, funny, alpha jerks. No matter what plumbing you have you are insane, and trying to find out which gender is more insane is even more insane. It's the holiday season: How about we debate how to feed all the hungry instead?
DOUGLAS BROWN II, VIA E-MAIL

The best things tax returns can buy

When the richest Americans have a family emergency, they can jump on a plane or their own private jet, write a check if needed and be there immediately, without wondering what kind of hole this will create in their budget. My family is far: my aging parents in France, my children working in far away places. So for me the "fiscal cliff" means $2,000 lost, two trips to be with my 85-year-old dad, money saved to be with my children if they need me. I am not jealous, I just love my parents and my children as much as rich folks do.
CHRISTIANE GEISLER, VIA E-MAIL

EU needs to get its priorities straight

The Middle East is in great turmoil. Iran is continuing its development of nuclear weapons and intercontinental missiles to deliver them. Forty thousand people have been killed in Syria, heavy fighting continues there, and the threat of poison gas, a weapon of mass destruction is very real. Egypt is on the verge of a civil war. Terrorists are running amuck in Iraq, Jordan, Yemen and Lebanon. With all this going on, what worries the European Union is proposed construction new housing on vacant land in eastern Jerusalem. Israel's right to Jerusalem is no lesser than the right of the British to London or that of the French to Paris, and the Jews have lived in Israel for thousands of years before either London or Paris were built.
ARTHUR HORN, VIA E-MAIL

Politics never solved anything

If we truly want to solve our financial and personal problems as a nation, we must work together and stop the blame game. Really, both parties in power right now are being stubborn and sticking to the party agenda, unable/unwilling to work together. Is our party truly more important than our need to resolve our issues? Lets be adults not stubborn children and move on, not the if only's game — we all want a better for ourselves and families.
RIC HOPKINS, VIA E-MAIL

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♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** You could be far more fortunate than usual in things of a financial nature. Chance could play an important role in putting you in the right spot at the right time.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19**. There is nothing wishy-washy about you. You'll have no trouble backing up your words with action whenever a situation calls for it.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** More than one goal you set will be achievable. On top of that, the zest and relish with which you pursue your objectives will bring you a great deal of enjoyment and satisfaction.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** With your current gift of gab, which is both logical and imaginative, you'll be extremely compelling when persuading others to go along with your ideas or methods. Don't let your followers down.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Even though you might end up spending more time working on someone else's endeavor than you will your own, you nonetheless stand to gain much.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** A competitive endeavor involving a team effort will arouse your will to win. You could end up being the crucial component that leads to victory.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** You should be able to find a second, ultimately lucrative, source of earnings if you put your mind to doing so. Start looking now.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** If you focus your efforts and energies on a definite goal, be it social or commercial, the results should be most gratifying. Your example will inspire imitators.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Concerns for the needs of loved ones will motivate you to be much more enterprising than usual. You'll want to be able to give them what they aren't able to acquire on their own.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** It's one of those days when you might need a variety of activities to satisfy your restless spirit. Regardless of how much you take on, you'll do it well.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Involvements that have the potential for turning a profit should be acted upon as promptly as possible. You aren't likely to make much money hemming and hawing.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Whether or not you achieve success will be predicated upon your ability to stay focused on your objective. Once you have a clear target, keep your mind focused on only it.
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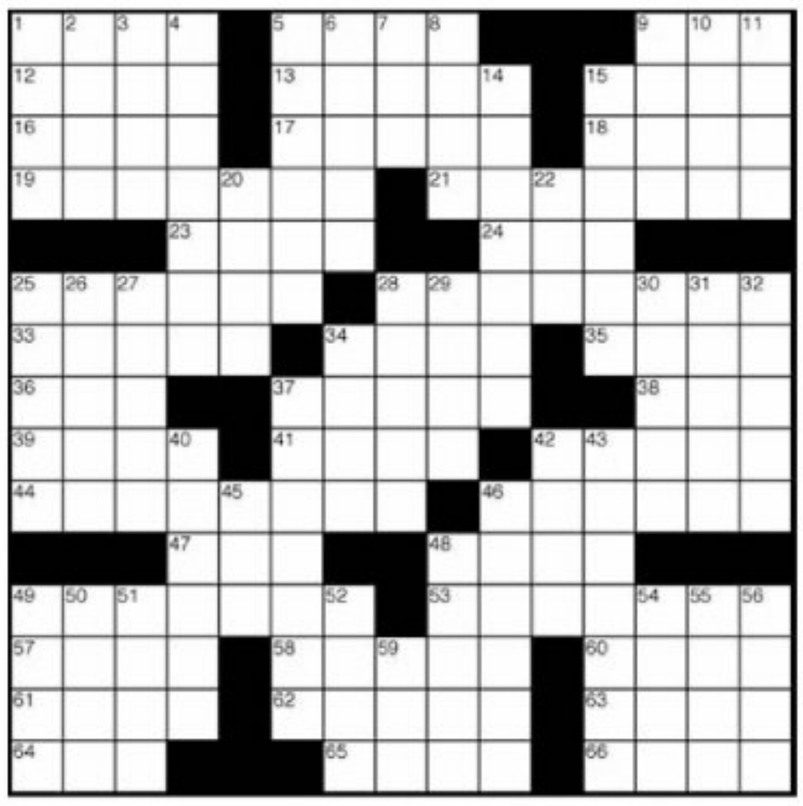

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3 THINGS WE SAW

Foles leads comeback in 23-21 victory ◗ Win snaps eight-game losing streak for Eagles ◗ Avant, Maclin churn out big numbers ◗ Defense generates pass rush for first time in awhile ◗ DCR also with big game ◗ Here's what we noticed

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▶ Foles went 32-of-51 for 381 yards and no interceptions. He threw for two touchdowns and ran another one in.

1 Poised and confident
In his fourth start, Nick Foles looked every bit like an NFL starting quarterback. The rookie took the Eagles on a 64-yard, game-winning drive to snap an eight-game losing streak, the franchise's longest skid in 42 years. Foles hit Jeremy Maclin in the corner of the end zone with no time remaining. More importantly, Foles was in total control when it mattered. He converted every crucial third down and hit on two fourth downs on the winning drive. His 32 completions and 381 yards were single-game rookie passing records.

2 Improved defense
Yes, Doug Martin gashed the Eagles in the second half. Yes, Nnamdi Asomugha got beat several times in key situations. Overall, however, the defense looked improved without Jim Washburn's famed wide-nine. The defensive line generated an actual pass-rush (and collected two sacks, Cullen Jenkins and Fletcher Cox), and Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie played his best game in an Eagles uniform. He ran stride-for-stride with receivers on long passing routes and finished with three pass deflections.

3 Receiving the call
With DeSean Jackson out with a concussion — and Brent Celek leaving in the first quarter with a concussion of his own — Jason Avant and Jeremy Maclin answered the bell. Avant was outstanding, owning the slot and making a spectacular, one-handed catch to convert a 3rd-and-17. Avant finished the game with seven grabs for 133 yards. Maclin, who caught the 1-yarder to win it, also enjoyed one of his best performances. He hauled in nine balls for 104 yards.

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▶ Avant caught seven balls for 133 yards.

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NFL roundup: Vikings get big upset win over Bears, Cowboys rally late

Giants, Redskins, Cowboys score impressive wins ◗ NFC West race heats up thanks to victories from 49ers, Seahawks, Rams ◗ Falcons suffer road hiccup in Carolina ◗ Peterson rumbles for 154 yards, two touchdowns

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▶ Adrian Peterson ran for 154 yards and two touchdowns in the Vikings' 21-14 upset win.

As the playoffs near, the games become more meaningful — and with that, the action has certainly heated up. Week 14 featured some upsets and some big wins for teams fighting for their postseason lives. Here is a quick rundown:

▶ Jets 17, Jaguars 10
The New York Jets (6-7) scored all 17 of their points in the second half to earn a seven-point road win over Jacksonville (2-11). Mark Sanchez started at quarterback and played the whole game going 12-of-19 for 111 yards with no touchdowns or interceptions. Shonn Greene and Bilal Powell combined for 155 yards and a touchdown apiece,

▶ Colts 27, Titans 24
Once again the Colts (9-4) came from behind, this week defeating the Titans (4-9) at home. The Colts trailed 20-7 at the half, but rallied behind Adam Vinatieri's two field goals in the last six minutes to come away victorious. Kenny Britt had eight catches for 143 yards in the loss.

▶ Panthers 30, Falcons 20
In the upset of the day, the Panthers defeated the NFC's top seed in Carolina. Cam Newton threw for 287 yards and a touchdown, while also running for 116 yards and a score. Carolina (4-9) led 16-0 at the half and didn't look back. The Falcons (11-2) have already clinched the NFC South.

▶ Chargers 34, Steelers 24
The Chargers (5-8) got a much-needed road win in Pittsburgh. The Steelers (7-6), playing with Ben Roethlisberger (rib injury) under center, wasted a good effort from Mike Wallace (seven catches, 112 yards, TD). Philip Rivers threw for 200 yards and three touchdowns in the win.

▶ Cowboys 20, Bengals 19
Dan Bailey's 40-yard field goal as time expired gave the Cowboys (7-6) an emotional road win over the Bengals (7-6). Tony Romo threw for 268 yards and a touchdown in the win, while Andy Dalton threw for 206 yards and a touchdown in the loss.

▶ Vikings 21, Bears 14
In a critical NFC North tilt, the Vikings (7-6) earned a seven-point home win led by Adrian Peterson (154 yards, two TDs). The Vikings led 14-0 after the first quarter and didn't look back. Brandon Marshall had a monster day in the loss catching 10 passes for 160 yards and a TD for the Bears (8-5).

▶ Rams 15, Bills 12
Sam Bradford's touchdown pass to Brandon Gibson with 54 seconds left in the game proved to be the game-winning score for the Rams (6-6-1) over the Bills (5-8) in St. Louis.

▶ Browns 30, Chiefs 7
After Chiefs (2-11) running back Jamaal Charles' 80-yard run on the first play from scrimmage, the Browns (5-8) scored the next 30 points to roll to victory. Trent Richardson rushed for 42 yards and two scores, while Charles ran for 165 yards in the loss. Brady Quinn got the start at QB. RYAN HANNABLE

More scores

▶ Giants 52, Saints 27
A dominant fourth quarter led the Giants to a win. David Wilson had 100 yards and two rushing TDs.

▶ Seahawks 58, Cardinals 0
Marshawn Lynch and Robert Turbin combined for 236 yards on the ground. Seattle forced eight turnovers.

▶ Redskins 31, Ravens 28 (OT)
Kirk Cousins hit Pierre Garcon for an 11-yard TD pass with 29 ticks left.

▶ 49ers 27, Dolphins 13
Colin Kaepernick ran for a 50-yard touchdown and threw for 185 yards.

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Navy beats Army in rivalry

Make it 11 and counting for Navy, as the Midshipmen defeated the Cadets 17-13 in a back-and-forth affair Saturday at the Linc.

The annual Army-Navy game went off with its usual pomp and circumstance — and Navy, which hasn't lost in the rivalry since 2001, came out on top once again. This one was especially painful for Army since the Cadets actually held a 13-10 edge in the fourth quarter. But Navy's Keenan Reynolds rumbled eight yards for the eventual game-winning touchdown. Army also outgained Navy in the contest (418 total yards to 297).

Of course, the game was more than just football. As always, this was about showcasing the nation's two service academies.

"We have this weekend, this spotlight and this opportunity to educate our country not only about this ball game and this rivalry, but these institutions, the United States Corps of Cadets and the Brigade of Midshipmen, and what these young people — these remarkably accomplished young men and women — have dedicated their lives to," Army coach Rich Ellerson said before the game.

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Young waives no-trade clause, set to join Phils

Team finalizes deal to acquire third baseman Send relievers over to Texas Rangers to pay most of Young's salary Will start at hot corner

Michael Young is the Phillies' new third baseman.

Young waived his no-trade clause, and the Phils sent relievers Josh Lindblom and Lisalverto Bonilla to Texas yesterday. The Rangers will reportedly pay $10 million of Young's $16 million salary next season.

"Michael brings a lot to our team, not just on the field, but off it as well," GM Ruben Amaro Jr said. "He has been one of the premiere hitters in the American League for a decade and is someone who has a tremendous presence in the clubhouse. We couldn't be happier that he has accepted the assignment to come to the Phillies."

Young posted career-worst numbers in 2012 — he batted .277 with 27 doubles and 67 RBIs in 156 games — while serving primarily as the Rangers' designated hitter. In 2011, he batted .338 and led the American League in hits.

The 36-year-old can play multiple infield positions, but the Phillies want him to be the everyday starter at third base. Young won a Gold Glove, playing at shortstop, back in 2008. Young is a seven-time All-Star with six 200-hit seasons on his résumé.

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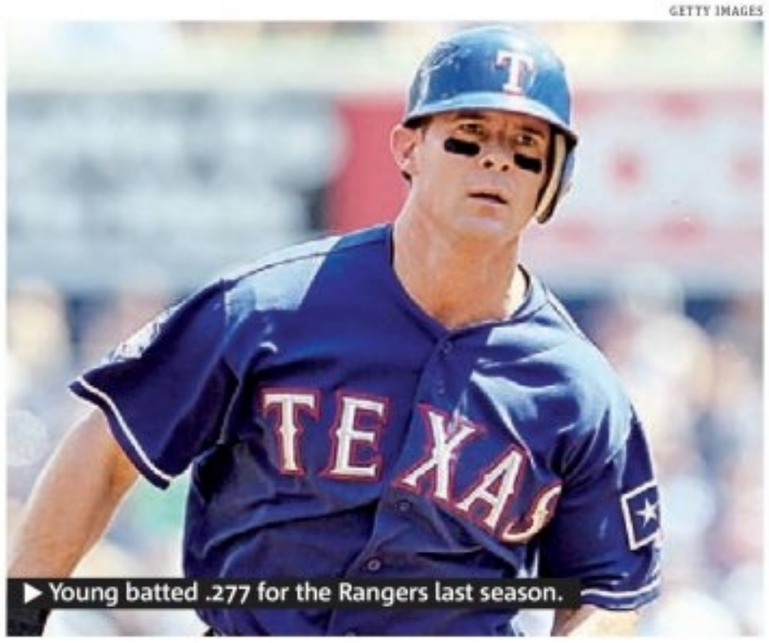

▶ Young batted .277 for the Rangers last season.

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▶ Kanacevic will lead the Hawks against Villanova tomorrow night in the Holy War. He is averaging 8.8 points, 7.3 rebounds and 3.5 assists per game.

Holy War gains Albanian accent for St. Joseph's

Kanacevic ready for Villanova rematch ◐ No. 2 for Hawks in rebounds, assists ◐ Martelli praises his IQ

It didn't take long for Halil Kanacevic to find out Villanova isn't just another game for Saint Joseph's. From the start of the preseason until now everywhere he's turned, the Hawks' fans are imploring him and the team to beat Jay Wright's Wildcats.

"You've got people coming up to you during the week or even before the season saying, 'Are you gonna beat Villanova this year,'" said the 6-foot-8 Kanacevic, who knew nothing of the rivalry when he transferred from Hofstra prior to last season. "It's crazy how big the fans take the game. They're over the top. As players, you try to take every single game the same. But I think this means more to the fans and alumni. You try to win it more for them."

It will be easy to spot Kanacevic in the Cat House tomorrow night when the Hawks and Wildcats reenact the Holy War. He'll likely be the one in the middle of it all. While going to the glass is his main responsibility, Kanacevic is such an exceptional passer he led Phil Martelli's team in both rebounds (and assists) last season and is No. 2 in both categories.

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"I've grown up playing always passing the ball," said Kanisevic, who grew up in Staten Island of Albanian descent. "They kind of put me in position at the top of the key to pass the ball around a bit. I've had to adjust every game because teams play me different this season. It usually takes a few possessions. Then I'll figure it out."

While guards Carl "Tay" Jones and Langston Galloway provide the offense and C.J. Aiken and Ronald Roberts control the paint for a balanced SJU team that has six players averaging 8.8 points or more, the versatile Kanisevic does a little of everything.

"He's an old=school player," said Martelli. "His basketball IQ is extraordinary. He's the guy everyone wants in a pickup game."

Halil, whose name means "Dear Friend" in Albanian, says he'll do whatever it takes.

"For me it's not about the numbers," said Kanisevic, averaging 8.8 points, 7.3 boards and 3.5 assists. "As long as we keep winning, I'm happy."

He won't be the only happy one if the Hawks can beat Villanova tomorrow night to win another Holy War.

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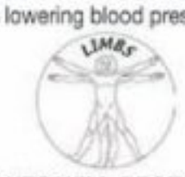

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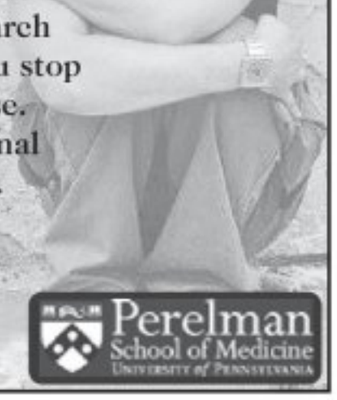

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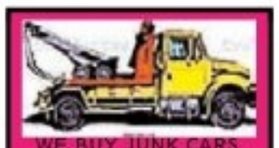

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